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JANUARY 10, 1973

(TUESDAY NETS, WIRES)

THE MAJOR STORIES OF THE DAY:

WHOLESALE PRICES JUMPED A "VERY SHARP" 1.8 PERCENT IN DEC. W/WHOLE-
SALE FOOD PRICES UP 6.8 PERCENT WAS ABC/CBS LEAD AND #2 ON NBC.
BOTH NETS AND WIRES EMPHASIZED IT WAS BIGGEST MONTHLY INCREASE FOR
WPI SINCE '51 AND THE LARGEST FOR FOOD PRICES IN 26 YEARS. FOR
'72, WPI WAS UP 6.5 PERCENT AND WHOLESALE FOOD PRICES WERE UP 18.7
PERCENT... RATHER SAID IT MEANS HOUSEWIVES CAN EXPECT MORE INCREASES
IN THEIR ALREADY HIGH FOOD BILLS, WHILE UPI SAID PRICES MORE THAN
DOUBLED THE INFLATIONARY RATE HOPED FOR BY RN IN '72... BUTZ ON
NBC FILM BLAMED THE STRONG CONSUMER DEMAND FOR FOOD AS PRINCIPAL
FACTOR IN PUSHING BEEF PRICES UP, ADDING ABOUT 12M ACRES OF LAND
IDLE LAST YEAR WILL BE PULLED BACKSINTO PRODUCTION(ALSO NOTED BY
PIERPOINT AS PLAYING MAJOR ROLE IN SOLVING PROBLEM.

THE "FREEZE IS STILL ON" AT THE HAK-THO TALKS, REPORTED CBS, AND
WAS SIMILARLY NOTED BY ABC. NBC'S DOBYNS, HOWEVER, THOUGHT THE
"MOOD SEEMED BETTER." HE ADDED THO AND THUY ARE REPORTEDLY READY
TO MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS, BUT NOT ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER VN IS
ONE NATION OR TWO. NBC/CBS NOTED POMPIDOU HOPES THE TALKS WILL

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TO ANSWER SYMINGTON'S QUESTIONS ON BOMBING BECAUSE IT WOULD GET
ONTO "NEGOTIATING TRACK." NBC'S COCRAN STATED RICHARDSON SAID HE
BELIEVED IN LIBERAL POLICY OF GIVING OUT MILITARY INFO WHICH MADE
THE COMM. MEMBERS "GLAD" BUT THEY SOON FOUND OUT 1 SUBJECT--
THE BOMBING-- WAS OFF-LIMITS. HUGHES ON NBC/CBS FILMS INSISTING
US PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT BOMBING...MOORER ON ABC/
CBS FILMS (NOTED BY NBC) SAID BOMBING WAS EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING
NVN'S CAPABILITIES TO MAINTAIN LAND BATTLE IN SVN. ON CBS HE ADDED
PICS SHOWED HANOI HILTON POW CAMP WAS NOT HIT BY BOMBS.

LENGTHY REPORTS ON AFTERMATH OF NEW ORLEANS SNIPER KILLINGS WAS
NBC LEAD AND PROMINENT ON OTHER NETS. BUSINESS WAS USUAL IN DOWNTOWN
AREA, WHILE THE FUNERAL FOR ONE OF THE SLAIN POLICEMEN WAS HELD.
AUTHORITIES AND OTHERS STILL WONDER IF THERE WAS A 2ND SNIPER. NBC/
CBS FILM REPORTS OF SLAIN SNIPER EMPHASIZED HE WAS FROM GOOD FAMILY
AND HOMETOWN OF EMPORIA, KANSAS IS "STUNNED."

JURY IN WATERGATE TRIAL HAS BEEN SELECTED WAS SUBJECT OF CBS FILM
REPORT AND NOTED ON ABC. BOTH ALSO NOTED ALL BUT 2 JURORS ARE BLACK.

TALKS

UPI REPORTS THE "SAME ICY ATMOSPHERE" AND AP REFERRED TO THE
"APPARENT CHILLY ATMOSPHERE." THERE WERE NO HANDSHAKES AND FEW
SMILES AND AT NO TIME DID THE 2 SIDES APPEAR TOGETHER IN PUBLIC.
US REPS--THE HOSTS--DIDN'T PUBLICLY GREET THE N. VIETS NOR BID THEM
FAREWELL--THUS "RETURNING NVN'S SNUB," SAID CBS....AP REPORTS THO
AND ADVISERS DID EMERGE SMILING, AND HAK ALSO HAD "A VAN SMILE"
FOR PRESS.

ALL NETS NOTED HANOI SAID "THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY SIGN SHOWING THE
NEGOTIATIONS WILL REACH ANY RESULTS. ON THE CONTRARY, VERY BAD
SIGNS ON US PART HAVE BEEN REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN." ...ABC/CBS
ALSO NOTED POMPIDOU WAS "BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED" WHEN TALKS BROKE
DOWN HE ACKNOWLEDGED REAL PROBLEMS REMAIN BUT HOPES FOR BREAKTHRU
AND "THAT WE WON'T HAVE AN ETERNAL SUCCESSION OF PARIS TALKS AND
BOMBINGS."

CBS' FENTON SAID ARRIVAL OF NVN DELEGATION WAS 1ST CLUE THE ATMOSPHERE
WAS "STILL FROSTY" SINCE HAK WAITED INSIDE FOR THEM. THO AND THUY
WALKED OUTSIDE AT LUNCH, HE ADDED, NOTING HAK DIDN'T ACCOMPANY
THO TO THE CAR AFTER THE MEETING...BOTH CHANCELLOR AND NBC'S
DOBYNS NOTED NOTHING WAS SAID OF 2ND SESSION, BUT THERE WERE
INDICATIONS PROBLEMS CENTERED AROUND 3 ISSUES: 1 OR 2 VNS, CONDITIONS
FOR POWS RELEASE AND A SUPERVISORY FORCE. DOBYNS W/FILM REPORT OF

ARE REAL PROBLEMS AND ONE THING HAK-THO HAVE TO WORK OUT IS FORMULA
SATISFYING NVN'S INSISTENCE OF 1 VN AND SVN'S OF 2 VNS. NOTING THUY
GAVE HIS HABITUAL WAVE, DOBYNS STATED BOTH SIDES ARE REPORTED TO
BELIEVE A SETTLEMENT IS PROBABLE AND POSSIBLE, BUT IT SEEMS BOTH
WILL HAVE TO GIVE A LITTLE ON ISSUE.

REASONER NOTED THE TALKS WERE 6 HOURS LONG AND W/THE SAME KIND OF
ATMOSPHERE OF NON. --WHAT PARIS NEWSPAPERS HAVE CALLED "CHILLY,
COLD, AND ICY." ABC'S ROLFSON REPORTED US CHOSE THE LOCATION--A
HOUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF A GOLF COURSE--DIFFICULT TO APPROACH, AND
HAK FOLLOWED THE PATTERN SET BY NVNESE, BY NOT WELCOMING THEM
AT THE DOOR. WHATEVER RELATIONS BEHIND DOORS, THE PUBLIC DISPLAY
OF CORDIALITY AND GOOD-HUMOR HAS NOT REAPPEARED SINCE THE BOMBING.
HE ADDED THAT THE TECHNICAL MEETING WAS ALSO HELD BUT THE PARTICI-
PANTS GAVE NO INDICATION THEIR CHIEFS WERE MAKING ANY PROGRESS.
BOTH SIDES WERE SMILING WHEN THEY LEFT BUT ONLY IN RESPONSE TO NEWSMEN.
ROLFSON SPECULATED THAT THE REASON WED'S MEETING IS STARTING LATE
IS THAT EACH SIDE WILL BE GETTING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
RATHER REPORTED KALB SAID SOME STATE DIPLOMATS FEEL COOLNESS IS
CONTRIVED AND THAT W/A COUPLE OF COMPROMISES, A SETTLEMENT CAN BE
MADE.

NOTING RN TOLD HILL LEADERS HE WANTED "PROPER KIND OF SETTLEMENT,"
VALERIANI W/TODAY BYLINE SAID US POINT OF VIEW IS THERE WILL BE
NO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT W/OUT POW RELEASE, BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND,
POW RELEASE WON'T BRING A SETTLEMENT OR TOTAL US W/DRAWAL--THAT
ISSUE IS "PARENTHETICAL" OF OVERALL POLICY. NBC'S WH MAN ADDED ONE
HILL LEADER EMPHASIZED WAR WASN'T BEING FOUGHT JUST FOR POWS RELEASE,
AND ADMIN OFFICIAL SAID US ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE POLICY BECAUSE
OF POWS. NOTING NVN IS USING POWS AS "BARGAINING CHIPS," VALERIANI
STATED US WON'T MAKE POLITICAL CONCESSIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR POWS. THE
ADMIN HAS SAID THE ONLY GUARANTEE FOR POW RELEASE IS A NEGOTIATED
RELEASE, AND IT EMPHASIZES SETTLEMENT WILL PROMOTE GVN AS WELL.

TODAY'S MCGEE PREFACED DISCUSSION ON POWS BY STATEING IT HAS BEEN
ASSUMED THEY WILL RETURN HOME WHEN WAR ENDS, BUT THERE HAS BEEN
SOME "AGITATION" TO GAIN THEIR RELEASE SOONER. HE NOTED ADMIN WAS
AGAIN INVITED TO SEND A REP FOR PANEL, BUT DECLINED. NY CONSERV-
ATIVE PARTY'S DAN MAHONEY FEELS AIMS OF VN ARE PURSUED INDEPENDENT
OF POWS AND THEY ARE NOT A BARGAINING POINT, WHILE POW WIFE GALANTI
THINKS THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN A BARGAINING POINT AND THAT THERE SHOULD
BE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR THEIR RETURN. IN 1ST OF MANY MEN-
TIONS, ANTI-WAR VET ROMO (RECENTLY IN HANOI) INSISTED OCT. AGREE-

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WRITING A GUEST COLUMN FOR PHILLIPS, WHALEN SAYS THE ADMIN HAS ALLOWED ITSELF TO BE BLAMED FOR WHATEVER HAPPENS IN VN IN THE FUTURE AND THUS, OFF THE HOOK ARE THE DEMS WHO GOT THE US INTO THE MESS IN THE 1ST PLACE. WHALEN SAYS THE MAY 8 PROPOSAL WAS A VITRUAL CONCES- SION OF THE WHOLE POINT OF THE WAR--NVA PRESENCE IN SVN. BUT IS WAS MADE "PROVIDED THE US IS SPARED THE STIGMA AND HUMILIATION OF NAKED DEFEAT." WHALEN NOTES THE IRONY, AS HE SEES IT, THAT AS LIBERALS LIKE HALBERSTAM DEBUNK JFK AND RECENT THEIR OWN VIEWS ON VN, THE GOP ADMIN HELPS MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE DEMS TO ESCAPE BLAME IN THE LONG RUN. WHALEN SEES LITTLE CHANCE OF SVN MAKING IT ON THEIR OWN-- AND THEN "RN WILL BE FACED W/THE 'DEFEAT' HE HAS TRIED SO HARD TO AVOID. AND HE'LL BE FACED, W/DEMS, LED BY EMK, DEMANDING TO KNOW WHY RN'S WAR WAS WORTH THE LIVES OF SO MANY GIS."

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MENT HAD SUCH A PROVISION AND POWS WERE ISSUES IN '72. NOW, HOWEVER,
RN HAS FORGOTTEN AND DOESN'T CARE ABOUT POWS.

WHEN ROMO STATED POW COMPOUND HAD BEEN BOMBED, MAHONEY SAID IF
THAT HAD HAPPENED, IT WAS BECAUSE NVN HAS NEVER SAID WHERE CAMPS
ARE, WHO POWS ARE, HOW MANY THERE ARE, ETC. --ALL IN VIOLATION OF
GENEVA CONVENTION. ROMO CONTENDED HANOI HILTON IS NEXT TO CUBAN
EMBASSY AND IS VERY CLEARLY A POW CAMP. HE HAD NO ANSWER, THO,
WHEN MRS. GALANTI INQUIRED WHY THERE HASN'T BEEN A LIST OF WOUNDED
POWS. SHE SAID IT'S HARD TO DETECT THRU LETTERS WHAT MEN'S ATTITUDE
IS, BUT ROMO REPORTED AGAIN THAT ONE POW WANTED TO KNOW WHY WAR
HADN'T ENDED OCT. 30 AND ANOTHER URGED US TO STOP WAR.

WHEN ASKED IF IT WERE LEGITIMATE TO TIE POLITICAL PRISONERS TO
POWS, MAHONEY EMPHASIZED POLITICAL PRISONERS WERE NOT "YGOP OR YDEM"
BUT PEOPLE WHOM GVN FEELS ARE INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ACTIONS. ROMO
DISAGREED W/THAT, AND MRS. GALANTI STATED IF RELEASE OF POLITICAL
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ABOUT THE PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE RAIDS...ABC'S CLARK SAID RICHARDSON WAS QUESTIONED SHARPLY BY WAR CRITICS, BUT NEVER GAVE DIRECT ANSWERS ON BOMBING.

FILM ON ALL NETS OF CONFIRMATION HEARINGS CENTERED ON EXCHANGE BETWEEN SYMINGTON AND RICHARDSON. WHEN SYMINGTON ASKED IF BOMBING WAS NECESSARY FOR POWS RELEASE, RICHARDSON REPLIED IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ANSWER W/OUT GETTING INTO MATTER OF TALKS. ASKED IF BOMBING WERE NECESSARY FOR US SECURITY AND PROSPERITY, RICHARDSON ANSWERED HE BELIEVES RN'S LEADERSHIP WILL ACHIEVE HONORABLE PEACE, RN'S WISE AND CONSCIENTIOUS, AND HE BELIEVES ALL OF RN'S ACTIONS HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE OBJECTIVE OF SECURING PEACE..ON LENGTHIER NBC FILM RICHARDSON AGREED WHEN HUGHES INTERPRETED ABOVE TO MEAN HE WOULDN'T ANSWER QUESTIONS. HUGHES THEN "FAILED TO UNDERSTAND" WHY US PUBLIC CAN'T BE INFORMED WHEN N.VIETS KNOW WHAT HAPPENED AND OTHER COUNTRIES DO ALSO THRU THEIR EMBASSIES.. IN SIMILAR CBS EXCHANGE HUPDS SAID HE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF TALKS FAIL AGAIN, HE THINKS PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW..NBC'S COCHRAN SAID SOME COMM. MEMBERS "STATE FLATLY" THEY WANT TO KNOW IF RICHARDSON APPROVES BOMBING, SO THEY'LL PULL THE QUESTIONS OUT AGAIN.

HARRY BYRD ASKED RICHARDSON REPEATEDLY FOR PUBLIC EXPLANATIONS OF THE BOMBING. AND CITING THE TOTAL COST OF THE WAR, BYRD ASKED IF US INVOLVEMENT HAD NOT BENEFITTED USSR...JACKSON SAID RN OWES US AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT IS GOING ON. "IT IS OBVIOUS THE SITUATION IS NOT GOOD. THERE ARE TOO MANY OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS TO SAY 'PEACE IS AT HAND,' HE SAID. BUT THE PROPOSED ANTI-WAR AMENDMENTS ARE OF "NO VALUE" SINCE FUNDS HAVE BEEN APPROVED THRU JUNE, SCOOP POINTED OUT.. MCG SAID HE'S "TERRIBLY DISCOURAGED, ALMOST AT THE POINT OF DESPAIR. I DON'T KNOW IF CONGRESS CAN DO ANYTHING W/RN." MCG SAID HE ISN'T GOING TO SAY "I TOLD YOU SO," BUT "IT'S PERFECTLY OBVIOUS, AS I WARNED, THAT RN DELIBERATELY MISLED US" ON PEACE.

RUSK SAID POWS RELEASE IS LIKELY TO COME AT THE END OF THE PROCESS OF SETTLING ISSUES IN SE ASIA, RATHER THAN IN THE BEGINNING. "THE MORE WE BUILT UP CONCENTRATED INTEREST ON THE POWS, THE LARGER THE PRICE HANOI IS LIKELY TO CHARGE FOR RELEASING THEM. "SO, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE PRICE FOR THE POWS HAS GONE CONSIDERABLY IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS." HE PERSONALLY BELIEVES BOMBING HAS NOT PRODUCED RESULTS COMPARABLE TO US LOSSES IN B52S AND MEN.. HILL THREATS TO CUT OFF FUNDS WOULD ONLY STRENGTHEN NVN'S BARGAINING POSITION, CONNALLY SAID. "IT IS BEYOND MY BELIEF THAT CONGRESS WOULD TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THIS. "IF THE US EVER CASTS ASIDE THE MANTLE OF LEADERSHIP OF THE FREE WORLD I ASSURE YOU THAT NO OTHER NATION ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH CAN OR WILL ACCEPT THAT ROLE OF LEADERSHIP," HE SAID.

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ABOUT THE BOMBING AND FACT IT WASN'T CONSULTED, AND AFTERWARDS MOORER
CALLED BOMBING "PROFESSIONALISM AT ITS BEST."...ABC'S CLARK REPORTED
THAT MOORER'S APPEARANCE IS ONE OF A SERIES OF BRIEFINGS AIMED AT
COOLING OFF CONGRESSIONAL TEMPERS AND EASING CONCERN OVER RECENT
BOMBING.. ASKED IF BOMBING TOOK AWAY NVN'S ABILITY TO INVADE AFTER
A CEASE-FIRE, MOORER SAID "THE QUESTION IS ACADEMIC" AS IS NVA DIVISIONS
ARE NOW IN NVN..ON CBS FILM HE EMPHASIZED TARGETED SYSTEMS THAT WERE
HIT WERE ALL MILITARY SUPPORT ONES AND WEAPONS WERE TAILORED TO MEET
CONDITIONS OF AREA..MOORER SAID THE WH GAVE NO REASON WHEN IT
ORDERED THE BOMBING RESUMED.

HERBERT SAID HE WAS CONVINCED BEFORE MOORER'S APPEARANCE THAT THE
BOMBING WOULD BRING HANOI BACK TO THE TALKS AND ADDED: "IF BOMBING IS
NECESSARY, THEN BOMB. EVERYBODY IS CRYING ABOUT INHUMANITY OF
AMERICANS. BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYONE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE
25,000 PEOPLE KILLED IN SVN BY N. VIET SHELLING.

ACLU URGED DOD TO OVERTURN A "GAG ORDER" ON PERSONNEL PROHIBITING
THEM FROM DISCUSSING VN. 2 ACLU OFFICES RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM
DOD PERSONNEL THAT THEY WERE BEING GAGGED, TO WHICH ACLU SAID,
"IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE ANY MORE SWEEPING ABRIDGEMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHTS."

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES APPEALED TO US CHURCHES TO "DO EVERY-
THING IN THEIR POWER" TO PROTEST THE BOMBING AND PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR
US ANTI-WAR EFFORTS, INCLUDING DRAFT RESISTANCE AND DEMONSTRATIONS.
MOST OF 300 ATTENDING MEETING HAD LEFT BY TIME THE RESOLUTION,
WHICH SAID VN VIOLENCE WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ARROGANCE OF
"IMPERIALISTIC POWER," WAS PRESENTED.

AUSSIE PM WHITLAM MUZZLED HIS CABINET IN CRITICIZING US VN POLICY,
BUT MADE CLEAR AUSTRALIA'S OPPOSITON WOULD CONTINUE..ITALIAN OFFICIALS
IN PEKING CALL PRC AUTHORITIES "UNEXPECTEDLY BALANCED" ABOUT VN. AN
ITALIAN REPORT SAID THE PRC APPEARED TO CONSIDER W/DIFFIDENCE THE
PROSPECT OF A UNIFIED VN WHICH COULD BECOME A KIND OF "FAR EAST
YUGOSLAVIA" CAPABLE OF PLAYING OFF PRC AND USSR.

"RN ONCE AGAIN HAS PROVED EUROPEAN, AND OTHER, CRITICS OF HIS VN
POLICY WRONG," LEADS A WINGSBURY SMITH DISPATCH FOR HEARST. BUT, AGAIN,
NONE OF THEM ARE ADMITTING THEY WERE WRONG IN PREDICTING THE RAIDS
WOULDN'T FORCE HANOI BACK TO THE TABLE. DURING THE RAIDS, THEY HAD A
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"FIELD DAY DENOUNCING RN....IT WAS GLOATFUL OCCASSION FOR THOSE EUROPEANS WHO ENVY US WEALTH AND POWER....," NOTES SMITH WHO QUOTES SOME OF THE SLASHING ATTACKS MADE. BUT HE ALSO NOTES SOME IN BRITAIN SPOKE UP FOR RN. CONSERVATIVE MP GOODHART POINTED OUT THE "HYPOCRISY" OF THE CRITICS WHO SAID NOT A THING ABOUT NVN'S DESIRE FOR AN UNSUPERVISED CEASEFIRE AND WHO IGNORED THE FACT THAT US WEAPONS WOULD HAVE TO BE USED IN EVEN NASTIER FASHION WERE EUROPE THREATENED BY RUSSIA. HEARST'S SMITH PRAISES BRITAIN AND FRANCE FOR NOT JOINING IN THE CRITICISM OF WHICH BRANDT'S WAS THE "MOST ASTONISHING". AS FOR DENMARK AND THE DUTCH -- WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THEM IF THE US DIDN'T MAINTAIN ITS DETERRENT FOR THEIR SAFETY?

JEFF HART FEELS RN'S BOMBING WILL BE VINDICATED BY RESULTS AND BE APPLAUDED BY THE PUBLIC. NVN HAS RETURNED TO TALK -- AWARE THAT MORE OF THE SKY COULD FALL ON THEM IF THERE'S NO PROGRESS. HART NOTES THAT WHEN RN PRESSED FORWARD, USING RESTRAINED POWER, SLOUGHING OFF THE SLINGS AND ARROWS OF CHEAP VIRTUE, HST LAY DYING." HART FEELS HST WOULD HAVE BACKED RN -- HE'D FACED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DECISION UNFAMILIAR TO PALME AND CARSON BLAKE WHOSE WORDS ARE CHEAP.

IN ANOTHER POSITIVE PIECE, MICHAEL PADEV (IND. STAR, ARIZ. REPUBLIC) FEATURES THE "HOPEFUL NOTE" ON WHICH THE NEW YEAR HAS BEGUN -- DESPITE ALL THE "PESSIMISTIC PREDICTIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL RN HATERS WHO SAW "GREAT DISASTER" FOR THE WORLD DUE TO RN'S BOMBING. THE CRITICS FAILED TO REALIZE RN'S GOAL WAS TO MAKE THE PARIS TALKS WORK BETTER AND W/THE TALKS RESUMED, "WHAT BETTER PROOF (OF THE PUDDING'S EATING) THAT US SCORED YET ANOTHER IMPRESSIVE DIPLOMATIC VICTORY." EITHER NVN IS SERIOUS NOW OR IT RISKS EVEN MORE DEVASTATING RAIDS. PADEV DEBUNKS NVN'S CLAIMS THAT THE BOMBING HALT WAS A HANOI VICTORY -- "NONSENSE." WHY'D THEY PROTEST SO MUCH? THE FURIOUS CRITICISM OF RN SHOWED SUCCESS OF THE US MOVE, SAYS PADEV, WHO CALLS FOR MUCH REDUCED POLITICAL INTERFERENCE W/RN'S "ABLE AND SKILLED NEGOTIATORS.... IF WE CLOSE RANKS AND BACK OUR GOV'T, WE SHOULD HAVE NO DOUBTS PEACE WILL REALLY BE "AT HAND VERY SOON."

OTHER VN

OR SAMs ABOVE 20TH PARALLEL IF THEY THREATEN B52S BELOW THE LINE.
"SO-CALLED" PROTECTIVE REACTION, SAID RATHER. ABC ALSO NOTED DOD
SAID NO "OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS" ARE BEING CARRIED OUT ABOVE THE 20TH.

FAR FROM CASTING DOUBTS ON THE USEFULNESS OF THE B52, ITS LOSS
RATES OVER NVN CONVINCED LAIRD THEY COULD SURVIVE THE WORST OF
ATTACKS AND COMPLETE THEIR MISSIONS SAFELY....NBC'S FILM REPORT
ON B52S EMPHASIZED THAT ONLY 1 WAS LOST IN 7 YEARS OF VN UNTIL
RECENT BOMBINGS WHEN USAF LOST ABOUT 8 PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL NUMBER.
THEY ARE ALSO OLD PLANES, BUILT W/40'S TECHNOLOGY. THE B1 WHICH
COULD EVADE MODERN MISSILES WON'T BE OPERATIONAL 'TIL '78 AND NOT
AVAILABLE IN LARGE NUMBERS 'TIL THE 80'S, IF FLIGHT TEST MODEL
IS APPROVED, SO B52 MUST KEEP ON GOING. REPORTER FEELS BECAUSE
B52 ARE NOT VERY PLENTIFUL, IT'S DOUBTFUL THERE WILL BE MORE
SATURATION BOMBING.

COMPARED TO WWII LOSSES, SAYS JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, THE US CAME
OFF QUITE WELL ON THE RAIDS -- ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THE MILITARY
GAINS, THE ADDED ROOM FOR VIETNAMIZATION TO BREATHE AND THE RETURN
OF NVN TO TALK. AND IF THE TALKS BREAK DOWN, CHAMBERLAIN SAYS THE US
MAY HAVE TIME TO FIT THE B52S W/THE NEW SRAMS WHICH COULD BE
FIRED FROM 100 MILES AWAY. AND THERE ARE DIPLOMATIC WEAPONS THE
US HAS AS WELL -- SUCH AS THE THREATENED END TO PLANS FOR US
INVESTMENT IN THE SIBERIAN OIL FIELDS. THAT MOVE WOULD PUT PRESSURE
ON MOSCOW TO PRESSURE NVN.

HANOI BROADCASTS AND COMMERCIALS CITED KLEIN'S COMMENT THAT IF
THE TALKS FAIL, THE POSSIBILITY OF AIR ATTACKS ON HANOI AND HAIPHONG
COULDN'T BE RULED OUT -- THUS INCREASED DEFENSIVE PROTECTION, NOTED
NBC.

OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

A "SHOCKED" SYMINGTON SAID CIA BELIEVES PRC IS ON THE VERGE OF
BECOMING A SUPERPOWER IN ICBMS. NBC/ABC NOTED....A HIGHLY PLACED
LONDON DIPLOMAT SAID PRC IS READY TO SETTLE W/USSR IN RETURN FOR
RELATIVELY SMALL TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS ALONG THEIR BORDER.
WHILE A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IS POSSIBLE, HE SAID, THERE IS NO CHANCE
FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE IDEOLOGICAL QUARREL.

IN A FEATURE ON SINO-US RELATIONS, UPI POSITIVELY REVIEWS
PRC'S '72 GAINS AS "THE WORLD TROOPED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO ITS DOOR-
STEP." BUT THE "EUPHORIC SINO-US ATMOSPHERE" WAS STAINED BY "
ARMADAS OF US BOMBERS AND WARPLANES" IN DEC. LED TO STRONG USSR-
PRC PLEDGES TO HANOI EVEN THO BOTH COMMUNIST SUPERPOWERS ENTER '73
"VASTLY APART IN POLICY AND IDEOLOGY." DEVELOPMENT OF US-PRC
RELATIONS IS FACED BY THE "BIG STUMBLING BLOCKS" OF
VN AND
TAIWAN.

EFFORTS FOR A MID EAST SETTLEMENT, "IT WOULD BE A MATTER OF REGRET."

POMPIDOU DESCRIBED AS "INOPPORTUNE" THE EXPECTED PARIS VISITS OF PREMIERS OF AUSTRIA, SWEDEN, DENMARK AND ISRAEL TO ATTEND THE SOCIALIST INTERNAT'L MEETING. HE CALLED THEIR PRESENCE AND THE MEETING "AN INTRUSION" IN FRANCE'S INTERNAL POLITICS. THE CONFERENCE IS BEING HOSTED BY MITTERRAND, FRENCH SOCIALIST LEADER WHO'LL LEAD POMPI'S OPPOSITION IN MARCH ELECTIONS. POMPIDOU SAID THE GOV'T LEADERS WERE COMING AS "PARTY MILITANTS." MUSC OF THE FUROR HAS CENTERED ON MEIR WHO IS MAKING 8ST TRIP TO PARIS AS PM. AP SAYS IT SEEMS CERTAIN THIS WILL "DO NOTHING TO WARM UP ICY FR-ISRAELI RELATIONS."

RHODESIA IS CLOSING BORDER W/ZAMBIA TO HALT INCURSIONS BY BLACK LIBERATION FORCES BUT WON'T CUT OFF ZAMBIA'S COPPER EXPORTS. ZAMBIA SAID RHODESIA IS LOOKING FOR A "SCAPEGOAT" BECAUSE OF THE "WAVE OF NATIONALISM" SWEEPING THROUGH RHODESIA.

UPI SAYS A POLITICAL UPHEAVAL LOOMED IN MANAGUA OVER GEN. SOMOZA'S EXPECTED DESIGNATION AS HEAD OF A NEW "SUPER MINISTRY" W THE MAJORITY LIBERAL PARTY OF 60 MEMBERS.

THE PARIS BRANCH OF THE HUDSON INST. DROPPED AN "ECONOMIC BOMBSHELL" (UPI) WHEN IT REPORTED BY '85 FRANCE AND JAPAN WILL HAVE LEFT BRITAIN AND GERMANY IN THE DUST TO BOAST THE HIGHEST LIVING STANDARD IN THE WORLD AFTER THE US. "IT'S AMAZING -- THE GERMANS ARE MOROSE, THE ITALIANS ARE ANNOYED, THE BRITISH ARE SCORNFUL AND THE FRENCH ARE INCREDULOUS," SAID THE REPORT'S AUTHOR. HIS PREDICTION FOR '85 PER CAPITA GNP: US, JAPAN, FRANCE, SWEDEN, DENMARK, CANADA, SWITZERLAND, NORWAY, WEST GERMANY, FINLAND, BELGIUM, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRIA, BRITAIN AND SPAIN.

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